

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 16, 17 and 23 have been amended and claims 14, 15, 24-39 and 44-47 have been canceled. Review and reconsideration in view of the amendments and the remarks below are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 24, 40-43, 46, 48-52 and 58-60 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,058,508 to Brown Honeysuckle. Claims 14 and 47 are rejected as defining obvious subject matter over the Brown Honeysuckle reference. Claims 11-13 and 15-23 are indicated to include allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15 (and intervening claim 14), and claims 14 and 15 have been canceled.

Claims 11 and 23 have been re-cast in independent form.

The remaining independent claims, and their corresponding dependent claims, have been canceled.

Claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended to correct a typographical error (changing "strip of material" to "adjusting strip"). Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to accommodate the cancellation of claims 14 and 15.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in a condition for allowance, and a formal notice thereof is respectfully solicited. It is noted that in light of the application of the Brown Honeysuckle reference, it can be seen that the pending claims cover the embodiment of Figs. 1-5 (as well as Figs. 6 and 7) and the embodiment of Figs. 8 and 9 of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

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